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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This letter is in response to Office Action mailed July 11, 2002. Please amend the above identified patent application.

Please rewrite Claim 35 as new Claim 55.

Cancel Claims 35-54.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

55. (New) An actuator device comprising:

at least a first and a second electro-active element; and

at least a first and second conductor,

wherein said first conductor is in direct electrical contact with said first electro-active element; and second conductor is in direct electrical contact with said second electro-active element; and

wherein said first and second electro-active elements and said conductors are arranged such that said device forms a generally sigmoidal shape upon